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1. Soviet troops are stationed in Chenghua (80-07, 47-52). Their purpose is to provide protection for the mines being operated by the Soviets in the northern part of the Ashan district. These mines are worked by laborers from the Mongolian People's Republic and by Central Asiatics who have been encouraged to migrate to the area.
2. The commander in chief of the "People's Army of the Eastern Turkestan Republic" is Issak Jan. The chief of staff is Mekanov, a Soviet citizen.
3. There are two army corps in the "People's Army of the Eastern Turkestan Republic." The first, with headquarters in Ining (Kuldja/81-14, 43-55), is commanded by Hakim Beg; his chief of staff is Zurokov, a Soviet citizen.
4. The second army corps of the "People's Army of the Eastern Turkestan Republic" is commanded by Osman; his chief of staff is Zhinenko, a Soviet citizen. (Comment. [redacted] reported that Osman had pledged his support to the Central Government.) 25X1A
5. Each army corps consists of two infantry divisions with 2,700 men in each division, three cavalry divisions with 2,500 men in each division, and a training corps of 5,600 men. (Comment. The above figures indicate a total of 37,000 men in the Ining forces, which is quite improbable. Source may have meant a total of 2,700 infantry and 2,500 cavalry troops. The figures in paragraph 7 below are believed to be more within reason.) 25X1A
6. The Ashan district is not a military district of the Ining government. It is currently under the joint administration of the Soviet-Mongolian United Army (sic). [redacted] 25X1X

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7. The Ining forces are commanded by Isaak Jan. Makanov, a Soviet citizen, is chief of staff in the Ining headquarters. Hakim Beg is deputy commander. [REDACTED]

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The Ining forces consist of three regular cavalry regiments totaling 4,000 men and three regular infantry regiments

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totaling about 4,100 men. [REDACTED] The Mongol troops in the Ashan district are not part of the Ining forces.

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